

A bill for the relief of Uzziel Baggett; read and passed to a third reading.

A bill for the relief of A. Balleuill; read and passed to a third reading.

Joint resolution for the relief of Elizabeth Hart; read and passed to a third reading.

A bill for the relief of Gen. Memucan Hunt, together with the report of the committee on Claims and Accounts, offering an amendment thereto; was read, and on motion of Mr. Walker, laid on the table, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of B. C. Johnson, assignee of John F. Stacy; reported the same back to the Senate and recommended it to their favorable consideration.

Mr. Ward, from the committee on Enrolled bills, reported as correctly enrolled, a bill to secure to the German Emigration Company and their colonists, the lands to which they are entitled, and to adjust the liabilities of said Company.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, 9 o'clock A. M. Jan. 22d, 1850.

The Senate was called to order by the President—Senators present: Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Kinney, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace.

The Journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

Mr. Grimes, from the committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the memorial of Augustus Bess, administrator of the estate of Charles Murchard; reported the following bill:

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Charles Murchard, dec'd.; read first time.

Mr. Gage, chairman of the committee on Finance, to whom was referred a joint resolution authorizing the payment of the unexpended balance of the appropriation made by the joint resolution for the relief of the Texian prisoners in Mexico; reported the same back to the Senate, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Grimes, from the committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred joint resolution for the relief of Berry W. Perkins;

reported the same back to the Senate, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to authorize John J. Grumbles and Lyman Tarbox, to establish a ferry on the Colorado river, have duly considered the same, and from the evidence adduced before the committee, it appears that the bill proposes to establish a ferry in the immediate vicinity of the regular licensed ferry, belonging to the corporation of the city of Austin; which said ferry has been licensed to a Mr. Lem. Taylor, until Nov. 1850, by the said corporation. The committee also find a remonstrance, signed by seventy five citizens of the county, remonstrating against the action of the Legislature, in the premises. Therefore, have instructed me to report the bill back to the Senate, and recommend it to be laid upon the table.

Mr. Latimer, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a joint resolution, making provisions for surveying a certain quantity of University land; reported the same back for the action of the Senate.

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the committee on State Affairs, made the following report:

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in the Congress of the United States, to demand and receive an equivalent of the United States, for the Texian territory north of 36 degrees 30 minutes, and if they fail therein, then to demand of the United States the immediate suppression of their military government, within the territory of Texas, and to demand and receive from the United States payment for the navy, magazines, arms, armaments and munitions of war, transferred to the United States, under the terms of annexation by Texas, and for which she has never received any equivalent from the United States; have considered the same, and have instructed me to report the resolutions back to the Senate, and recommend that they be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Latimer, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill to legalize certain headright certificates, issued by the County court of Refugio county; and a bill for the relief of Mason W. Cope; reported the same back to the Senate, and recommended their passage.

Mr. Latimer, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of John E. Linn; reported

A bill for the relief of John E. Linn; read first time.

Mr. Walker, from the committee on Public Lands, made the following report:

The committee on Public Land Claims, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Martha McBride and Margaret Garrett, have had the same under consideration, and find from the evidence, that the said Martha McBride was a resident citizen of Texas at the date of the Declaration of Independence, and has so continued up to the present time; that she was the head of a family on the 2d day of March, 1836; that she has never received the quantum of land to which she is entitled, and the committee are clearly of the opinion that the act aforesaid, should be passed for her relief; and the committee are also of the opinion that the said Margaret Garrett, formerly Margaret Jones, is equally entitled to the relief asked for in said bill, the two cases being similar, they therefore report the bill back, without amendment, and recommend its passage.

Mr. Cooke, from the committee on Public Lands, made the following report: Your committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents on certificates issued by the board of Land Commissioners of Robertson county, under certain restrictions, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report; that the "certain restrictions" alluded to in the bill, is to legalize a clerical error committed by the Clerk of the board of Land Commissioners of Robertson county, which appears upon the certified transcript or copy of the records of said board of Land Commissioners now on file in the General Land Office, and that clerical error alone prevents the Commissioner of the General Land Office from issuing patents to applicants. The bill only proposes to do an act of justice to a meritorious set of frontier citizens, who have time after time taken up arms in defence of the very lands upon which these certificates are located, and have guarded it with that vigilance and heroic courage which characterize a Texian. These land certificates were the only reward they ever expected for the many arduous duties they have performed in the defence of the country. They were entitled to these certificates by virtue of their Emigration to the country, and their right to this reward, as asked for in the bill, your committee would respectfully urge as one which seems to them to be founded on principles of justice and equity, and your committee, therefore, recommend to the favorable consideration of the Senate, the substitute as adopted by the House of Representatives.

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims; reported the following bills back to the Senate, without amendments, and recommended their passage, viz:

A bill for the relief of Francis L. Merriwether and Peter P. Harding.

A bill for the relief of William Arnold, dec'd.; and

Joint Resolution for the relief of the heirs of R. W. Balentine, dec'd.

Mr. Robertson, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of William M. Williams; reported a substitute for the same, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the Senate.

Mr. Robertson, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of R. J. Rivers, agent of John L. Dabney; reported

A bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of John L. Dabney; read first time.

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the committee on State Affairs, made the following report:

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred the preamble and joint resolutions, instructing our representatives in the Congress of the United States to demand of the United States protection to the State from domestic violence, and the immediate acknowledgment of the western boundary of the State of Texas, as defined by the laws of the State, and guarantied by the resolutions of annexation; have duly considered the same, and have instructed me to report them back to the Senate, without any action on their part, and ask that they be referred to the Special committee appointed by the Senate to report a remonstrance against the course of the United States, in regard to our boundary.

Mr. McRae made the following report:

The committee on Printing, who was authorized to contract for the printing of one thousand copies of the report of the Auditor and Comptroller; beg leave to report that they have contracted with the Austin Gazette, for the price of forty dollars, for the whole number to be furnished in pamphlet form.

Mr. Moffett, chairman of the committee on Engrossed bills, made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed bills, have examined the following bills and joint resolutions, and find them correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act supplementary to an act, defining the office and duties of Sheriffs, passed May 12th, 1846.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to establish a Penitentiary, passed March 13th, 1848.

An act for the relief of the heirs of Nancy Anderson.

A bill authorizing and requiring the Auditor of Public Accounts, to audit the claim of Elizabeth Ryals, against the late Republic of Texas, for the sum of one thousand and twenty-three dollars, for spoiliations committed by the Mexicans in 1841.

A bill to enforce and carry out the judgments and decrees of the courts of the State, and to provide for the issuance of certificates and patents, in certain cases.

An act for the relief of David Lane, and the heirs of Henry L. Lane, dec'd.

An act making an appropriation to pay for the printing the laws and constitution in the German language.

A bill supplementary to an act to organize County courts, passed March 16th, 1848.

An act providing for the trial of causes in the Supreme court, in which the said court or any two of its members may be disqualified to act, and in which there may be an equal division of opinion of said Judges.

An act for the relief of Levin S. Sargent.

Mr. Robinson made the following report:

Hon. President of the Senate:

The Select Joint committee, to whom was referred the joint resolutions on the subject of slavery, have duly considered the same, and have unanimously agreed to report the resolution back with an amendment, and recommend its unanimous adoption.

J. B. ROBERTSON,

Chairman on the part of the Senate.

J. M. CLOUGH,

Chairman on the part of the House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Walker, a bill supplementary to an act to secure to all actual settlers within the limits of the colony granted to Peters and others, commonly known as Petors' colony, the lands to which they are entitled as colonists; was taken up and read, together with the report of the committee on Public Lands, offering an amendment. Amendment adopted.

Mr. Robertson offered the following proviso to the first section:

"Provided all certificates issued under the provisions of this act, shall be located within the limits of said colony. Adopted.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill to incorporate the Bexar Manufacturing Company, which originated in the Senate. Also, the following bills and joint resolutions originating in the House, viz :

A bill supplementary to an act to amend an act supplementary to an act to create and organize the county of Panola.

A bill supplementary to an act to create the county of Ellis.

A bill to create the county of Falls.

A bill supplementary to an act entitled an act to apportion the Senators and Representatives of the Legislature, among the several counties of this State, according to the requirements of the constitution, approved January , 1850.

Joint resolution for the relief of Charles Morgan and Robert Rose.

Joint resolution for the relief of J. F. Brown and Lyman Tarbox.

Joint resolution for the relief of Zebulon M. Porter.

Joint resolution making an appropriation for the *per diem* pay of the members and officers of the present Legislature.

Were severally read first time.

A bill to provide for the liquidation of the public debt of the late Republic of Texas; read by sections.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the first section was amended by inserting "legal" before "holder," in the first line.

Mr. Parker moved to amend the first section, by striking out "twenty" and inserting "fifty," in the fifth line.

On motion of Mr. Brashear, a division of the question was had.

The yeas and nays were called on striking out "twenty," and were as follows :

Yeas: Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Kinney, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Portis, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace—18.

Nays: Mr. Robertson—1.

Motion to strike out carried.

Mr. Brashear moved to amend that part of Mr. Parker's motion, that proposed to insert "fifty," by substituting "seventy-five" for "fifty."

Which motion was decided by the President to be out of order.

From which decision, Mr. Robertson appealed. While the appeal was pending,

On motion of Mr. Portis, the Senate adjourned until half past 2 o'clock, P. M.

HALF PAST 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate met—roll called, and quorum present.

The question before the Senate, was upon the appeal from the decision of the President, which was taken, and the decision of the President sustained.

The question then recurred on inserting "fifty," upon which the yeas and nays were called, and were as follows :

Yeas: Messrs. Burleson, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Parker, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace—11.

Nays: Messrs. Brashear, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Phillips, Robertson and Taylor—7.

So the blank was filled with "fifty."

Mr. Wallace moved to amend first section, by striking out in the second line, "as audited," and inserting "that have been audited and reported to the Legislature." Adopted.

Mr. Wallace moved to amend the 2d section, by inserting after "claims," in the 8th line, "exceeding the minimum and," and by striking "respective," in same line and inserting out "maximum." Adopted.

Mr. Van Derlip offered the following amendment to section second:

In second line, strike out "forty," and insert "one hundred and sixty." Also, same amendment in last line.

Mr. Robertson, moved to amend the amendment, by inserting "three hundred and twenty."

Upon which, the yeas and nays were called, and stood as follows :

Yeas: Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Davis, Kinney, Pease, Phillips, Robertson, Taylor, Van Derlip and Ward—11.

Nays: Messrs. Gage, Grimes, Latimer, Moffett, Parker, Portis, Truit, Walker and Wallace—9. Adopted.

Mr. Wallace offered the following amendment to third section :

In third line, strike out "six" and insert "three;" in fourth line, strike out "six," and insert "three." Rejected.

Mr. Wallace moved to amend by striking out the words "General of the" wherever they occur, and inserting "of the General." Adopted.

Mr. Van Derlip offered the following amendment to the second section :

Strike out in the fourth line, the words "where the parties' claim shall amount to that number of acres." Adopted.

Mr. Wallace moved to amend the second section, by striking out all after "given," in the eighth line. Adopted.

Mr. Van Derlip moved to amend the third section, by striking out "scrip," and inserting "certificate."

Mr. Van Derlip offered the following amendment to the fourth section :

Add to the fourth section the words "and that said certificates may be transferred by endorsement and delivery, at any time before the same have been located and surveyed." Adopted.

Mr. Wallace moved to amend the fourth section, by inserting after the word "surveyed," in first line, the words "in a square form, or as nearly so as practicable, except surveys fronting on navigable water courses."

Mr. Robertson offered the following as a substitute for Mr. Wallace's amendment :

"Provided, that no one owner of certificates for land, issued under the provisions of this act, shall be allowed to locate such certificates in larger tracts than one league in any one place, but after locating that amount in any one place, shall not locate any more within three miles of either line of said survey of one league." Rejected.

The question then recurred on the amendment offered by Mr. Wallace, which was rejected.

Mr. Wallace moved to amend same section, by inserting after "located," the words "in alternate sections or half sections."

Upon which the yeas and nays were as follows :

Yeas : Mr. Wallace—1.

Nays : Messrs. Burleson, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Latimer, McRae, Moffatt, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward and Walker—15. Rejected.

Mr. Brashear offered the following amendment to the first section :

"And that said certificate shall only be subject to location on that portion of the public domain of Texas, situated west of the one hundredth degree of longitude, as exhibited on DeCordova's map of the State of Texas." Rejected.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed by the following vote :

Yeas : Messrs. Burleson, Gage, Grimes, Latimer, McRae, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward Walker and Wallace—15.

Nays : Messrs. Brashear, Cooke, Davis, Hart and Robertson—5.

Mr. Hart offered the following resolution :

"Resolved by the Senate, That, the House of Representatives concurring, the two Houses of the Legislature will adjourn sine die, Feb. 5th, 1850."

Mr. Pease, chairman of the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill to establish the Rio Grande Railway and Turnpike Company; reported a substitute for the bill, and recommended its adoption and passage.

Mr. Pease from the same committee made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, Jan. 19th, 1850.

To the Hon. JOHN A. GREER,

President of the Senate:

The committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act granting a charter to the Galveston and Brazos Navigation Company, have had the same under consideration, and believe that the following amendments should be made:

1st. In the 2d section, add to the end thereof, the following words:

"Provided, that no subscription for stock shall be valid, nor shall the same be received, unless the subscriber shall pay to said commissioners five per cent. on the amount of each share at the time of subscribing."

2d. In the 7th section, 15th line, after the word "county," insert the words, "and by written notice delivered to such owners or claimants as are residents of the county."

In the same section, 17th line, after the word "the," strike out the balance of the section, and insert the following:

"The Chief Justice shall, with the assistance of the Clerk of the County court, draw from the jury boxes of said county, the names of six disinterested freeholders of and residents in said county, and said Chief Justice shall issue a subpoena, directed to the Sheriff, or other lawful officer, commanding him to summon said jurors to appear before him at his office on a day to be named in such subpoena, on the day named for the meeting of said jury, if the whole number do not attend, the Chief Justice shall in like manner draw other jurors to supply the place of those who fail to attend, who shall be subpoenaed to attend forthwith, and when a jury of six shall be made up, the Chief Justice shall administer to them an oath or affirmation, well and truly to enquire, and a true appraisement make of the cash value of the land or lands sought to be condemned by said corporation, under the provisions of this act, and the damages which the owners or claimants may sustain in consequence of said canal. The said jury, or any member thereof, shall have power to examine on oath or affirma-

tion, to be administered by any of said jurors, all such witnesses as may be brought before them by any party interested, and may continue their session from day to day, not exceeding three days. A majority of said jury shall agree to the appraisement, which shall be in writing, and signed by those who agree to it, and shall contain a particular description of the land or lands appraised; said appraisement shall be returned to and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County court, in which the land is situated. Upon payment of the amount of such appraisement, to the owner of the land appraised, or to the County Treasurer of the county in which the land is situated, for the use of the owner or claimant, said land shall be considered as condemned and appropriated to the use and benefit of said corporation, for the purposes contemplated by this act. Should the majority of the jury not be able to agree on an appraisement, other juries shall be drawn and subpoenaed and proceed in like manner, as the original jury, until an appraisement is made. The said jury shall each be allowed one dollar and fifty cents per day for their services, and they shall assess a reasonable amount for the costs of the proceedings directed by this section, including their own pay, which shall be paid by said Corporation to the Chief Justice, for the use of the parties for whom it is assessed.

In the 8th section, add to the end thereof, the following words:

"Provided, that the Legislature shall have power to alter and change said tolls, if they do not reduce them in the aggregate below ten per cent. per annum on the capital stock of said Company, invested in said canal."

For the 9th section, adopt the following substitute:

"That the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Galveston, shall be, and they are hereby authorized to subscribe to the capital stock of said Company, for said city, to an amount not to exceed twenty thousand dollars, and to issue bonds bearing interest, or otherwise, to pledge the faith of said city to pay for the same; and the Chief Justice and County Commissioners of the several counties on the waters of the bays and streams in this act named, shall be, and they are hereby authorized to subscribe to the capital stock of said Company for their respective counties, to an amount not to exceed twenty thousand dollars, and to issue bonds bearing interest, or pledge the faith of their respective counties to pay the same; provided that the Chief Justice and County Commissioners of neither of said counties, shall make such subscription, unless two-thirds of the qualified electors of said county, at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote in favor of such subscription being made. And the Chief Jus-

tice of any of said counties may order such election to be held, and shall give notice of the time and object of such election, by causing notices thereof to be posted up in each precinct of the county, at least thirty days previous to such election being held, and said election shall be conducted in the manner regulating county elections, so far as the same may be applicable; and provided, also, that the said Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Galveston, shall not make such subscription, unless two-thirds of of the electors of said city, qualified to vote for city officers, at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote in favor of such subscription being made; and the Mayor of said city of Galveston, may order such election to be held, and shall give notice of the time and object of such election, by causing notices thereof to be published in at least two newspapers, printed in said city, for the period of twenty days previous to such election being held, and said election shall be conducted in the manner regulating city elections in said city, so far as the same may be applicable. And further, provided, that when any such subscription shall be made, and bonds therefor be issued by the Mayor and Aldermen of said city of Galveston, or by the Chief Justice and County Commissioners of any of said counties, it shall be their duty, respectively, to provide for the faithful and punctual payment of the interest, that may from time become due on the same, and for the payment of the principal thereof, by levying and collecting a tax on the real and personal property in the city or county for which such subscription shall be made, and bonds issued; which tax shall not be less than ten cents, nor more than fifty cents on each and every one hundred dollars of taxable property in such city or county, and shall be assessed and collected and paid into the treasury of the city or county by which it is levied, in the same manner the city and county tax of such city or county is assessed and collected, which tax shall be continued from year to year, until the whole amount of the principal and interest due on said bonds, shall have been fully paid and discharged; and when collected, and after deducting therefrom the expenses of assessing and collecting, shall first be applied to the payment of the interest due on such bonds, and the remainder shall be applied to the payment of the principal due on said bonds."

Insert the following as the 10th section:

"Sec. 10. That the stockholders of the Galveston City Company, in their corporate capacity, shall be, and they are hereby authorized to subscribe to the capital stock of said Company, to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, and to issue

bonds bearing interest, and pledge the faith of said Company, and mortgage or hypothecate any property, real or personal, belonging to said Company, to secure the payment of the same."

SEC. 11. That all dividends on the capital stock of said Navigation Company, that may accrue to said city of Galveston, or to either of said counties, or to said Galveston City Company, shall be appropriated to the payment of the principal and interest of any bonds that may be owing them, respectively, that may have been executed under the provisions of this act, until the whole of said principal and interest shall have been paid and discharged, and the said Navigation Company, is hereby authorized to pay the same accordingly.

Make the original 10th section, the 12th section.

Insert the following as the 13th section:

"The said Navigation Company shall be authorized to go into operation as soon as five thousand dollars of the capital stock shall have been actually paid in."

Make the original 12th section, the 14th section.

Insert the following as the 15th section.

"That unless the said Navigation Company shall commence operation within two years, and shall complete a navigable canal from San Luis, or west Galveston bay, to the waters of the Brazos river, within six years from and after the passage of this act, this act and the powers hereby granted, shall cease and be determined."

Add to the end of the 4th section, the following:

"And the said directors shall have power to declare any stock of said Company, forfeited to said Company, if any subscriber shall fail or refuse to pay any instalment of his capital stock, within ninety days after he shall have been served with a citation or printed notice of the time and place at which such payment is required to be made, and all stock so forfeited, shall be disposed of by said directors, for the use and benefit of said Company."

With the foregoing amendments, the committee have directed me to recommend the passage of the bill.

E. M. PEASE, *Chairman.*

Mr. Parker, from the Committee on Engrossed bills, reported a bill concerning the duties of District Surveyors, correctly engrossed.

Mr. Taylor made the following report:

The Joint Select committee to whom was referred the memorial of the citizens of Harrison county, asking a charter for rail road purposes, from Marshall, Texas, to some point on Red

River or its tributaries, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the accompanying bill, and recommend its passage.

J. F. TAYLOR,

Chairman on the part of the Senate.

J. M. CLOUGH,

Chairman on the part of the House.

A bill to establish the Marshall Railway Company; read first time.

Mr. Ward, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, Jan. 23d, 1850.

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,

President of the Senate:

The committee on Enrolled Bills, have examined the following bills, and find them correctly enrolled, viz:

A bill entitled an act to perfect the land titles in Castro's Colony.

A bill entitled an act to create the county of McClennan.

A bill entitled an act to create the county of Bell.

A bill entitled an act declaring Bear creek, in Sabine county, a navigable stream.

A bill entitled an act to provide for the collection of the uncollected taxes, assessed for, and due the late Republic of Texas. Also, a joint resolution, requiring all taxes coming to the State from the people of Jasper county, for the year 1850, (excepting the ten per cent. reserved for educational purposes,) to be appropriated to the building of a courthouse and jail for said county, all of which, having been signed by the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate, were this day presented to the Governor for his approval; together with a bill entitled an act to regulate ferries; also, a bill to secure to the settlers of the German Emigration Company the land to which they are entitled, and to adjust the liabilities of said company.

A bill to provide for distributing the Reports of the Decisions of the Supreme Court of this State; read.

Mr. Pease offered a substitute for the same.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the bill and substitute were laid on the table until to-morrow.

A bill to create the county of Falls; read first time, and on motion of Mr. Robertson, the rule was suspended, bill read second time, and referred to the committee on County Boundaries.

A bill supplementary to an act entitled an act to create the county of Ellis; read first time, and on motion of Mr. Walker,

the rule was suspended, bill read second time, and referred to the committee on County Boundaries.

A message was received from the Governor, presenting the following communication, which was on motion of Mr. Parker, referred together with the accompanying documents, to the committee on Indian Affairs:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Jan. 22d, 1850.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

Gentlemen, a petition has just been received by the Executive, from the citizens of Goliad county, and for the information of the Hon. Legislature, it is transmitted herewith, with a request that it may be returned at a convenient time to this Department.

P. H. BELL.

On motion of Mr. Cooke, the Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M. January 23d, 1850.

The Senate was called to order by the President—Senators present: Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Kinney, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace.

The Journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

Mr. Moffett, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following bills correctly engrossed:

An act concerning divorce.

An act to incorporate the Galveston Lodge, No. 3, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of B. A. M. Thomas.

A bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Willis A. Forris, dec'd.

Mr. Phillips, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, Jan. 23d, 1850.

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,

President of the Senate:

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Leon county, asking a change in the time of holding the Spring terms of the District court, have